

Immaculata High School
Summer Reading Assignment English 1 CP

List of Summer Novels (choose *one* to read and use for your essay):

-*Boy* by Roald Dahl

-*A Day No Pigs Would Die* by Robert Newton Peck

-*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

-*A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly

****PLEASE NOTE:** These books will be available from ClassBook.com. You should purchase **ONLY THE ONE** you want to read. You do not have to buy them all. You are also welcome to purchase the book on your own.

Assignment Directions:

1. Choose **one** book from the list of summer novels to read – see list above (you do not have to read them all). While you read, think about how the main character is similar to or different from you:
 - Have you and the main character had similar experiences?
 - Can you relate to the main character in any way? That is, have you had similar thoughts and feelings?
 - Have you learned a lesson the same way the main character has?
2. Write a four paragraph essay in which you compare the journey/growth/life lessons of the main character to your own life (see below for outline and more specifics).
3. The essay should be typed in 12 point font, double-spaced with one inch margins, and handed in to your English teacher on the first day of school. (The essay will count as a test grade.)

Outline – Use this outline as a guide to help you write your essay. It does not need to be turned in.

- I. Introduction
 - A. Use a “hook” to grab the reader’s attention. (This can be a quote from the book, or a question, or something to set the scene for what you are about to write – be creative!)
 - B. Thesis statement – In this sentence you will tell the reader **two** ways in which you are similar to or different from the main character in the story you read.
 - C. Transition/Overview – Give a brief (one to two sentences) description of the story.
- II. Body Paragraph #1 – Explain the first way in which you are similar to or different from the main character. Use specific examples from the book and from your own life.

III. Body Paragraph #2 - Explain the second way in which you are similar to or different from the main character. Use specific examples from the book and from your own life.

***The above two paragraphs are very important – they should not contain a summary of the plot in the book, however they should contain enough details so it is clear you have read the book and have a thorough understanding of the character. In addition, this essay should show that you have put some thought into not only the main character’s life, but your life as well.**

IV. Conclusion

A. Restate your thesis (in different words if you can)

B. End your essay with a summary statement or maybe even a quote that relates to what you wrote